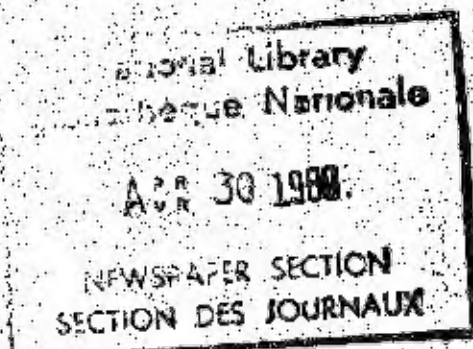




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Congress (I) blockades Assam

Calcutta, (UNI) - More than 500 volunteers of the Chhatra Parishad (I) and Youth Congress(I), including 22 women, were arrested in Siliguri, Jalpaiguri, Alipurduars and Coochbehar as the youth and student wings of the Congress(I) launched their threatened economic blockade of Assam.

The blockade is to protest against "atrocities committed on non-Assamese in Assam", a reference to the movement in Assam against non-Assamese residents of the state. The agitation has caused many Bengali families to flee Assam for Bengal.

The agitators erected roadblocks on the National Highway at Mallaguri near Siliguri bringing goods-laden trucks to a halt.

The Tinbati crossing in the Rajganj police station area was another point where Assam-bound goods trucks were brought to a halt.

A Gauhati-bound passenger train was allowed to leave Siliguri after a five-hour hold-up only after the railway authorities detached vans containing goods.

A goods train leaving Siliguri for Assam had to come back as the volunteers squatted on the railway track near the outer signal.

About 300 trucks were stopped on the way at Rajganj, Islampur and Dalkhola.

The first blockade at Siliguri was put up at 10 a.m. as Chhatra Parishad (I) volunteers, including some girls, squatted on National Highway 31. Some of the volunteers went to new Jalpaiguri station to request the railway authorities not to allow any goods train to leave for Assam. Later, they blocked the movement of goods trains by squatting on the track and picketted the car sheds.

Pradip Ghosh who is leading the movement told UNI that the Chhatra Parishad (I) movement was getting "tremendous public support" in North Bengal.

Mr. Ghosh claimed that the tea garden workers union has come forward to offer squatting at Biharmore, near Bagdogra airport, to stop movement of goods traffic on the National Highway leading to Assam.

Indian scientist works for cancer cure

By Margaret Munro

An Ottawa scientist has cloned human insulin and the life-saving substance will soon be in the first stages of commercial production.

Under lock and key

Created by Dr. Saran Narang of the National Research Council and his collaborator, Dr. Ray Wu of Cornell University, the cloned bacteria are moving to Canada's largest hormone and vaccine producer, Connaught Laboratories in Toronto, this spring.

There, officials and scientists hope to parlay the bacteria and Narang's world-leading techniques for cloning synthetic human genes into a multi-million-dollar business.

While the details are still under lock and key at the U.S. patent office in Washington, the potential benefits the bacterial insulin factories hold for the diabetic are substantial - there is hope it will wipe out some of the eye and blood disorders associated with animal insulin in use now.

Narang's technology could, in theory, make possible production of many human substances, including the potential cancer cure interferon, which can be isolated in only minute amounts today.

But Narang, generously funded by the NRC for the last 13 years, says he had no intention of selling out. The 46-year-old native of India wants the technology and its potential payoffs to stay in Canada.

Students who studied under Narang in Ottawa are now working for a firm associated with Eli Lilly and have created a similar insulin-producing culture. Eli Lilly officials say they hope to put cloned insulin to the human test later this year.

While Narang's "bugs" are already spitting out the life-saving hormone, Connaught's vice-president of research and development, Dr. Don Layne, predicts it will be at least two years before Canada's 500,000 diabetics can expect an injection.

"There is no doubt that human insulin can be produced this way (through cloning)," says Layne, whose company plans to invest several million dollars on the technique over the next few years.

"It is very exciting, especially if we can keep it (the cloning technology) in Canada."

NEW DIRECTOR OF AI

New Delhi (UNI) - Raghu Raju has been appointed chairman-cum-managing director of Air-India.

National Research Council scientists are racing to clone the hormone interferon, hailed as the cure for everything from the common cold to cancer.

Dr. Saran Narang, who made headlines Tuesday after synthesizing the human gene for insulin, says he and his NRC team are now concentrating solely on interferon.

Once isolated, deciphered, copied and cloned into bacteria or yeast, Narang says, a synthetic interferon gene will make possible production of huge quantities of the hormone.

Interferon is a natural substance produced in cells under attack by a virus. Once manufactured, it assumes a role similar to an early-warning system, moving from the cell under attack to warn surrounding cells of an invasion.

The warning prompts healthy cells to produce antiviral proteins to fight the virus.

So far, scientists have been able to isolate only minute quantities of natural interferon. They're anxious to lay their hands on more for testing.

For that reason, interferon has an estimated value of \$10 billion a pound - if that much could be created. Pharmaceutical firms, knowing the multi-million-dollar potential involved, are frantically racing to develop synthesizing techniques, but Narang is considered the world authority on the subject.

Likening his endeavor to "fishing for something you can't see," he said the gene respon-

sible for producing the hormone, which he is still trying to isolate, must be cloned if mankind is to know the hormone's true healing capabilities.

"The big breakthrough with interferon could come at any time," he said Wednesday.

Interferon now used in medical studies can be isolated from human cells, which produce it only in infinitesimal amounts. As a result, studies are on a tiny scale.

The genes for interferon production are buried in the maze of genetic matter contained in human cells. Not only have researchers been unable to find it, says Narang, they have not even been able to figure out its chemical composition.

"If we knew the hormone's structure," Narang said, it would be an easy matter to build the genes responsible for making it. "We'd head straight to the genetic dictionary and look up the code (for the genes that would instruct a cell or bacteria to produce that hormone structure) and start building."

Narang and his genetic engineering team are using a two-pronged approach to search for the gene. They "plunk into a bug (bacteria)" and watch to see if it produced anything resembling the much-sought-after product.

They are combining that fishing technique with their ability to synthesize genes using chemicals off the laboratory shelf.

Narang politely declines to say how his work is progressing.

(The Citizen)

Missing ships

New Delhi, (UNI) - Shipping Minister A P Sharma was closely questioned by the Opposition in the Rajya Sabha on the disappearance of ships on the high seas during the past three years.

Mrs. Ambika Soni, who raised the question, alleged there was a "racket" involving huge amounts of money for insurance companies. The ships more often carried smuggled goods.

She pointed out that the then union shipping minister, Chand Ram had, in a letter, brought to the notice of another senior cabinet minister that one of the ships was impounded at an Iranian port for carrying smuggled goods.

She said one of the crew members of a missing ship, 'Kairali' owned by the Kerala Shipping Corporation had written to a close family member that the ship was carrying smuggled

goods.

In his reply Mr. Sharma maintained that ships belonging to seven companies had been lost.

The opposition strongly protested the use of the term 'missing'. Chairman Mr. Hidayathullah said there was a lot of difference between 'missing' and 'lost'. Missing could mean that piracy was involved.

Several members including Dr. Bhai Mahavir and S W Dhabe wanted to know the fate of 'Arabia', which had Indians among its crew members.

Mr. Sharma said "Arabia" was a foreign ship lost in foreign waters and, therefore, did not come under his purview.

Amidst persistent questioning, Mr. Sharma admitted that 17 of its crew members were Indians.

Would be assassin arrested

New Delhi (AP) - The man accused of throwing a 15-centimetre switchblade knife that barely missed Prime Minister Indira Gandhi has admitted he intended to assassinate her, Indian police said yesterday.

But the man's lawyer told a magistrate that police had beaten and tortured his client and were forcing him to say things he did not want to say.

Ram Bulchand Lalwani, 37, was brought into court briefly yesterday and ordered held until April 24 for further questioning.

Lalwani did not speak during the preliminary hearing. He was hand-cuffed and looked tired from hours of questioning since his arrest 24 hours earlier.

His lawyer contended that police had beaten Lalwani and persuaded the court to have him examined by a doctor. Results of the examination were not announced.

In a separate development, Gandhi, 62, was acquitted in another New Delhi court of corruption charges that led to her one-day arrest in October, 1977.

In the case, Gandhi and five others were accused to abuse of office and pressuring a business firm to supply 139 jeeps for her campaign in the 1977 national elections which ousted her from

power for nearly three years. The other defendants were also acquitted of the charges.

It was her fourth straight acquittal in a criminal case since she returned to power in a landslide election victory in January. There are no other criminal cases pending against her.

The cases were begun by former prime minister Morarji Desai's government in 1977 and stemmed from alleged abuses of the 1975-77 emergency. Gandhi has maintained that the charges were false and she was a victim of a political vendetta by her opponents.

The United News of India reported from Baroda, Lalwani's hometown in western India, that the city's deputy mayor, Pratap Ramchandani, and four other persons were arrested in connection with the alleged assassination attempt Monday.

The National Herald, a pro-Gandhi newspaper, reported Ramchandani was Lalwani's brother. It said Lalwani feared Gandhi's return to power would mean trouble for Ramchandani, who was involved in a dynamiting case that was dropped after Desai and the Janata party drove her from power in the 1977 election.

Gandhi was attacked as she was leaving a ceremony at the Parliament Buildings.

Dream-India scenarios

New Delhi (IBS) - Twenty years from today, says a paper read at the Chem-Tech '80 seminar in Bombay, Indians in the country will breakfast on seaweed, leaves and microbes, travel in sun-powered cars, and at sundown return home to do some yoga and relax.

This is one of two possible scenarios developed by the research laboratory at Trivandrum - the "desirable scenario" - and newspapers have lapped it up and blacked out the other possible (probable?) scenario - the "undesirable scenario." However, at the state of worsening affairs, one can readily imagine what the second one can be like.

Dalai Lama renews call

Varanasi, Apr. 17 (UNI) - The Dalai Lama has renewed his call for an internationally supervised plebiscite "both inside and outside Tibet" to determine whether Tibetans are happy under Chinese rule.

If it is established that they are completely satisfied with their lot, he is prepared to return and accept whatever status the majority gives him, the spiritual leader of six million Tibetans says.

In an interview to the Sarvodaya Press Service the Dalai Lama said the investigative body for the plebiscite should include persons who understand and spoke Tibetan.

He said the question was why an

alien rule should be forced on the Tibetans and why they should not have the choice of holding their own belief, traditions, culture and identity.

The undesirable scenario, was merely glimpsed - serpentine queues for essential commodities will still be there, the number of the mentally retarded and handicapped will be greater, and want and poverty will be strongly imbedded into the country's very fabric.

He said the truth was that the Chinese had, since 1963, been asking Tibetans in exile to return.

"But, there has been no response from our side," he said.

He said there was no doubt that China had made tremendous progress since the communist takeover and the Chinese had brought about certain changes in Tibet, which might not have been possible for his government to carry out. "But at what cost and sacrifice," the Dalai Lama asked and answered, "In terms of human life and freedom, the sacrifices have been tremendous and terrible."

Folklore contraceptive

Lucknow, (UNI) - Taking a cue from folklore, scientists here have produced a cheap contraceptive cream from "reethas," a natural spermicide, Indian women have used for ages.

The new vaginal cream, developed by a group of researchers at the Central Drug Research Institute, has already passed animal and safety trials.

"We have now applied for permission to try it on humans," said Dr. N.M. Khanna, who heads the institute's pharmacology division.

Conventional creams are based on synthetic materials, which are

usually expensive and not without side effects, he said.

"The idea of using 'reethas' came when we began looking for a natural alternative," he added.

In conversations with villagers, Dr. Khanna learnt that before sexual intercourse, many women would soak some reethas in water, squeeze them, and apply the thick fluid on the vaginal walls. "This had been their way of family planning for ages," Dr. Khanna told UNI.

Reethas - a fruit of the sapindus species - has a detergent effect and is widely used in homes for washing clothes. Women also use it to wash their hair.

CANADIAN, BRITISHERS HELD WITH HASH

New Delhi (IBS) - Detectives in Mufi arrested a Canadian and two Britishers nabbed dabbling in hashish here. From their hideout in Nizamuddin colony 22 kgs. of the raw dope was recovered, estimated to cost Rs 50,000 (about \$4,000 dollars).

The dope was smuggled into the country from Afghanistan. Recovered, too, was an imported revolver and live cartridges.

The police had been tipped off days earlier that "some foreigners" were seen trading hashish in and around Connaught Place, and a trap was set up with dicks in plain clothes.

RAILWAY TO ACCEPT TRAVELLER'S CHEQUES

New Delhi, Apr. 12 (UNI) - The Railway Ministry has decided to accept "traveller's cheques" issued by nationalised banks in payment of fares and luggage charges.

The facility would be available to both upper and lower class passengers at important stations and stations of tourist interest.

Hotel chain tie-up

New Delhi (IBS) - A foreign airline has entered the first ever agreement with an Indian hotel chain to market its accommodation to the airlines passengers.

After a six-month evaluation of various facilities and services, offered by major hotels owned by the ITDC and private sector, British Airways has "formed an association" with the Oberoi Hotel group, located in New Delhi, Bombay, Calcutta who will act as agents.

Wobbly Lok Dal

New Delhi (IBS) - Raj Narain seems to have shut out any compromise with Lok Dal president Charan Singh as long as the latter does not accept him as the working president of the party.

In his struggle for recognition and power, Raj Narain is being strongly supported by a fair number of partymen. They have pledged their full support toward his objective, which means that if Charan Singh maintains his stand the party could split right down the centre - to the advantage of the Congress-I which is also benefitting by the Janata Party crisis.

Haryana police reshuffle

Chandigarh, Apr. 17 (UNI) - In a major reshuffle in the police department, the Haryana Government has superseded an officer who was attached with the Shah Commission which inquired into the emergency excesses.

R.C. Sharma, Senior Superintendent of Police, who was among the panel of police officers to assist the Shah Commission, has been ignored while his junior SSP of Gurgaon, Ramesh Sehgal, who is reported to have organised CBI officer N.K. Singh's alleged arrest in connection with the complaint of a Maruti driver has been promoted as Deputy Inspector General of police, according to orders issued her last evening.

Surprisingly, all the concerned officers were apprised of the transfers and promotions through wireless messages in a bid to implement the orders at the earliest. Raj Singh, SSP, Jind, who arrested former defence minister Ransil Lal during the Janata rule, has been posted at Bhiwani, the home district of Bansil Lal.

In the shakeup, in all three DIGs, seven SSPs and nine DSPs have been affected. SSP Hissar is also likely to be relieved since his representation for a posting in the CBI has already been accepted by the Central Government.

MIRDDHA JOINS CONGRESS(I)

New Delhi (UNI) - Congress (I) leader and former deputy chairman of the Rajya Sabha, Ram Nias Mirddha joined the Congress (I) on April 3.

In a letter to Congress (I) party president Indira Gandhi he wrote "it is the only party which, under your dynamic leadership, is capable of leading a unified nation on the path of building a socialist and secular society."

PUNJABI NOVELIST DEAD

Amritsar, (UNI) - Noted Punjabi novelist, Giani Dhanwant Singh Seetal died recently after a prolonged illness. He was 73.

He is survived by his wife, two sons and four daughters.

Author of about 250 books he was honoured by the Shiromani Gurdwara Prabandak Committee at a special function last year.

Expeditions to Nanda Devi

New Delhi (IBS) - The Government has relaxed restrictions on expeditions to the Nanda Devi massif in the Garhwal Himalayas, where a US nuclear power pack was lost 13 years ago.

A 25-man team has been cleared to attempt the 8,070-metre high peak next month. The restrictions on the expeditions to the mountains has been imposed a year ago by the Government, and the Indian Mountaineering Foundation which clears expeditions on behalf of the Government. It was not immediately known whether the ban had been eased for Indian expeditions, or the relaxation was universal.

Janata bars RSS activities

New Delhi (IBS) - The Janata Party, after a great deal of vacillating over the pros and cons of the issue, has finally by a majority vote, barred any party functionary from taking part in the activities of the Rashtriya Swamishvak Sangh (RSS). This is precisely for what Jagjwan Rai had struggled before walking out on the party.

The decision to bar all forms of RSS activities within the party, and by its members was taken at a meeting of the Janata Parliamentary Board. The Jana Sangh group in the party stoutly opposed the motion but was beaten down. Those who opposed the motion included such party stalwarts as L.K. Advani, A.R.

Li-Gen. S.N. Sharma, Chief Engineer at the Army Headquarters in Delhi, said that the sappers' expedition would go to the mountain early in May, and after pitching five high altitude camps, would make its summit bid in the second week of May.

The team would be led by Capt. Jai Bahuguna, a seasoned army mountaineer, who was a member of the successful bid on Mount Kanchenjunga in 1977. The 8,070 metre-high Nanda Devi has been climbed six times and involves climbers of the highest order.

Vajpayee and Nana Deshmukh.

The crisis now precipitated threatens to split the party for the third time. First Charan Singh and Raj Narain broke away and formed the Janata (S) or Lok Dal, then Jagjivan Ram took away some members and is thinking of forming another party. The Jana Sangh members of the party have made it clear they will never accept the verdict.

The Jana Sanghese now want a national convention of the party because, in the Board, they are in the minority, as they are also in the National Executive. The non-Sanghese are opposed to a national convention.

Less honey in TN

Madras, (UNI) - Honey production in Tamil Nadu, which accounts for a third of national honey output, suffered a sharp setback last year because of adverse weather conditions, according to S. Ramaswamy, director of the Khadi and Village Industries Commission.

He told UNI that the production in 1979 was only 60 per cent of the previous year's. The State produced 1,204 million kg of this complete natural food in 1978-79.

The Khadi and Gramodyog Bhavan and a string of Khadi craft emporia run by the Tamil Nadu Khadi and Village Industries Board which normally sell honey round the year report "no stock" most days in a week.

A Madras based private firm which sells honey under its brand name "Throughout the country" has no stock for sale here in the pipeline now. It had not procured any honey from its suppliers in Coorg in Karnataka because of uncompetitive prices, a spokesman of the firm said.

Multinationals 'a must'

New Delhi (IBS) - Developing countries, including India, came in for severe criticism from Prof. K. Balakrishnan of the Indian Institute of Management on the subject of multi-national corporations and the farmers' jaundiced view of the latter.

He pointed to the fact that while Indian ventures overseas are being recognised as a means of securing a foothold in the world market, their initial failure rate is high. He deplored the criticism of multinationals by developing countries, adding that the latter could no more indulge in such criticism if they want to survive in the world market.

An effective way to participate in industrial effort, he said, is through tie-ups with multi-national corporations.

Earlier, both Vice-President Hidayatullah and the Commerce Minister had advocated the cultivation of foreign multi-national

firms in and out of the country for speedier development of India, particularly in respect of industrialisation. Their utterances, made publicly, appear to be straight from government thinking.

TAKING OFF FOR MARRIAGE

New Delhi, (UNI) - Indian Airlines has a costly problem, that of keeping cupid away from hostesses.

The airline has now about 400 hostesses. Their recruitment involves no difficulty, because high salaries and the prospect of going round the world attracts girls of the right quality in right numbers. What is troubling the authorities is the staggering rate of dropouts arising from marriages.

The airline spends Rs 10,000 training a recruit and Rs 2,000 more on uniforms. The irony, according to a spokesman, is that this grooming seems to make her a better bride.

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She has dropped out of sight for her own well-being, said J.P. Carrier, first secretary in the high commission here.

She is even refusing phone calls from Canada, although she has spoken to her parents in Quebec. Mr. Carrier told a reporter.

Newspaper attacked

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Some 300 demonstrators went to the newspaper office after a hour-long demonstration outside Assam House. A group of demonstrators entered the third floor office of the paper, threw furniture out on to the road and set it ablaze. Typewriters along with other equipment was also damaged.

Sadhus draw crowds

Ujjain, Apr. 17 (UNI) - Sadhus performing various yogic feats are drawing large crowds at the Kumbha fair here. Whether it be yoga, "Hathiyoga", "Samadhi", or meditation, they seldom fail to catch the attention of pilgrims.

Two sadhus-Dalbir Gir and Tulsidas Khandesar- are said to have been on their feet for the last nine and five years respectively. Subsisting only on fruit and a light diet, they intend remaining in the same posture for many more years to come.

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expected since the prosecutor, appointed by Mrs. Gandhi soon after she won election as prime minister in January, spent only 15 minutes refuting three full months of defence argument before the three-judge Supreme Court panel.

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The court, in its 44-page opinion, said that the prosecution had failed to prove that a conspiracy existed between Sanjay Gandhi and Shukla to destroy the satirical film, *Kissa Kursi Ka* (The Story of the Throne), about the pursuit of power in Indian politics. The film was supposed to touch on Sanjay Gandhi's controversial Maruti car project.

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The diplomat said Miss Leclerc wants to speed up the four criminal cases pending against her since 1976.

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"She is looking good, very happy and being free on bail is a big step," Mr. Carrier said.

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However, he said he did not know whether she has met her former lover, Charles Sobhraj, also accused of murder and drugging in the cases.

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Police, who tried to intervene, were hit by brickbats and stones, and four of them were injured in the fray. Subrata Mukherjee, general secretary of the West Bengal Congress(I), who spearheaded the action said the protest was against the entire movement in Assam, which was against national integration in the country.

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He said that all the efforts of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi to persuade the Assam students and youth to withdraw their agitation had failed, and it was now left to retaliate and counter the "atrocities" by another movement.

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Barfani Baba, said to be 180-years-old, is the cynosure of all eyes. He attributes his "long age" to "transmigration of soul in another's body", a feat he claims to have learnt from a Tibetan lama, whose whereabouts are not known.

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a.m. and attacked the compartment with stones and sticks, damaging the glass panels.

The attackers were shouting anti-MGR slogans, Mr. Ponnayan said. He said villagers from surrounding areas chased the attackers away. There was heavy stone throwing.

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Mr. Ponnayan alleged that when the station master was informed of the attack he regretted his inability to do anything as there was no police force available.

Bahuguna happy

Lucknow, (UNI) - Congress(I) Secretary-General H N Bahuguna has described as a "white lie" speculation in political circles that he might join the new party Jagivan Ram was reportedly trying to form.

"Wherever I am, I have come to stay," Mr. Bahuguna told UNI during a stop at the Amausi aerodrome on his way to New Delhi from Patna.

The former CDF and Janata leader also referred to reports in a section of the press that he was unhappy and restive in the Congress(I) and said he could not understand what the basis of such reports was.

He said a friend recently showed him a copy of a Hindi daily which said that Mr. Bahuguna in Congress(I) was feeling as if he had entered a "Kasakhana" (slaughter house).

"I cannot understand why these papers do not name the man who quoted me as saying all this," the Congress(I) Secretary-General said, and asked, "do you think everybody can get what he wants."

According to him, some dissatisfaction here and there was nothing unusual for a big party like the Congress(I).

Congress president wanted

New Delhi (IBS) - Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, who also combines the office of Congress(I) President is on the look-out for a suitable person to whom the mantle of party leadership could be entrusted. She wants to effect the change-over soon after the forthcoming assembly polls in May-June this year.

Mir Qasim, former Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister, is being tipped for this prestigious post. At one time, there was a suggestion that the 76-year-old Kamalapati Tripathi, Railway Minister be asked to take over the responsibility. But in view of his indifferent health, Mir Qasim is now being thought of.

Mrs. Gandhi may also utilise the opportunity to revamp the All India Congress Committee with a view to infusing greater dynamism in it.

Ferry sinks

New Delhi (IBS) - Twenty women and 15 children and men were feared drowned when an overloaded ferry boat carrying pilgrims back from a church festival sank in the Kalancherry backwaters (near Cochin). Police and naval divers recovered 35 bodies until late last night - the bodies included 10 children.

Eyewitnesses claimed that the old boat, St. Xavier, was loaded with 300 people, which was much more than its actual capacity. About 20 km from Kannamally the boat suddenly shuddered, lurched from side to side before cracking up and going down. Twenty-four persons managed to cling on to debris and were rescued from different parts of the beach miles upwards.

The state government has sanctioned an ex-gratia payment of \$300 to each of the dead persons families. The number of dead totally will only come to light after a few days, once it is realised how many more corpses are recovered or are washed ashore by the tides.

Governors to go next?

New Delhi (IBS) - A procession of senior officials have been unceremoniously moving out of their key posts at very short notice or no notice at all.

Their fault? They were appointed by the Janata Government.

With a distaste for viceties that increasingly marks its actions, Mrs. Gandhi's Government is now preparing the ground for the removal of Governors appointed during the Janata regime. The first warning of this intention came from Zail Singh, the Home Minister, who said in a press interview: "It is proper for all political appointees, including Governors to resign immediately after a change of government at the Centre. At least democratic traditions demand it."

Zail Singh's own credentials to lay down prescriptions for democratic conduct are unlikely to be widely regarded as formidable. The essence of the matter, however, is that there is no support for his view in the Constitution of the country. Governors are appointed to their office for a term of five years and though, in the language of the Constitution, they hold office at the President's

pleasure, it is a settled principle of administrative law that "pleasure" cannot be made to serve extraneous considerations or be vitiated by mala fides.

With Zail Singh's move a non-starter, an attempt is now being made to build a case on other grounds for the removal of inconvenient Governors. An inspired intervention during question hour in the Rajya Sabha suggested that the law and order situation in the States could not be controlled effectively as long as Governors closely aligned with the Janata party and appointed on political considerations continued in office. Zail Singh's deputy in the Home Ministry promptly promised to consider the suggestion.

Zail Singh himself has not been conspicuously successful in coping with the law and order situation in the minuscule Union Territory of Delhi and can hardly expect to argue credibly that the blame for the unfortunate law and order situation in several parts of the country belongs to Governors - and only those at that appointed during the Janata regime. To remove Governors on this kind of specious reasoning will amount to nothing less than an attempt to bend the Constitution for narrow and questionable political ends.

Welfare scheme in budget

Trivandrum, (UNI) - Kerala's budget for 1980-81 shows no new taxes.

Presenting the budget, Finance Minister K.M. Mani announced a series of welfare measures, including pension to agricultural workers, group insurance for fishermen, crop insurance and cattle insurance.

The new schemes include payment of pension to agricultural workers on completion of sixty years of age, for the first time in the country. The monthly pension would be Rs 45.

The new schemes imply additional commitment of Rs 282.3 million along with the state budget for the next financial year.

A scheme for comprehensive physical examination and medical test of all the fifty-five lakh school going children in the State would be implemented as a prelude to medical documentation and follow up of the entire population, also for the first time in India.

Doctor convicted

New Delhi, (UNI) - Dr. N.S. Jain, the renowned eye-surgeon, who was one of the seven convicted for the murder of his wife, Vidya Jain, has been released on parole.

trymen as there was a dearth of specialists in the field.

The information was given to the Supreme Court by Dr. Jain's counsel R. K. Jain, while withdrawing a petition by the eye-surgeon for premature release.

The petitioner had also sought quashing of two letters from the Delhi Administration and the Union Government turning down his plea for premature release under Sections 432 and 433 of the Criminal Procedure Code.

Chief Justice Y.V. Chandrachud, Justice N.E. Untawala and Justice E.S. Venkataramiah permitted the withdrawal of the petition, which had stated that a specialist of Dr. Jain's stature in the field of Ophthalmology had a massive contribution to make to his coun-

Dr. Jain and four others, Mrs. Chandresh Sharma, Rakesh Kaushik, Bhagirath and Kalyan Gupta - were sentenced to life imprisonment while two others - Kartar Singh and Ujagar Singh - were sentenced to death in the judgement in July 1975 for the murder of Mrs. Vidya Jain outside her defence colony residence on December 4, 1973.

Labour force nearing 300 million

New Delhi (IBS) - The estimated labour force in the country on January 1, 1980, was 295.18 million. According to the projections made by the planning commission the breakup was as follows.

Rural male - 151.03 million, rural female - 92.96 million, urban male - 41.37 million and urban female - 9.80 million.

The revised draft sixth plan documents state that the labour force is expected to grow by 33 million during the period April, 1978 to March 1983.

The estimated additional employment expected to be created during the period as a result of the implementation of various plan programmes contained in the document would be 46.6 million standard man-years.

Millionnaires arrested

Jamshedpur, (UNI) - Seven millionaire businessmen of Chakulia, about 80 km from here, have been arrested and about a dozen others have gone underground following a series of police raids during the past three days in connection with an alleged multi-million-rupee salt and coal smuggling racket, police sources said.

Superintendent of police Rameshwar Oraon and Sub-divisional Officer A.K. Sinha, who conducted the raids, said that some incriminating documents were seized and there was prima facie evidence to show that many businessmen of Bihar and West Bengal Government and high Railway Officials were involved in the racket.

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Dr. NARANG

The Indo-Canadian Community in Canada can justifiably feel proud of the high calibre of scientists, doctors, professors and other professionals they have in their midst. One who deserves most appreciation and recognition is Dr. Sarin Narang of the National Research Council, Ottawa, whose work on synthetic insulin has been acclaimed as a major breakthrough. The favourable publicity he received in this context can be seen as a favourable publicity for the Indo-Canadian community in Canada.

The dedicated work of Dr. Narang (and many other professionals of equal calibre) is bringing credit to our community. The impact of his work on our community through our improved acceptance by the larger Canadian society is probably worth more than the effect of anything else done by any Indo-Canadian organization or individual in the past. This observation should not be misunderstood as one to belittle the good work of any Indo-Canadian or Indian organization in Canada. Dr. Narang's excellent example, we hope, will be emulated by others in professions, businesses and public life.

It is understood that Dr. Narang is continuing his work with the genes in the hope of making further breakthroughs especially in some very crucial areas which may direct mankind to the possibility of discovering a cure for cancer. We do hope that Dr. Narang will succeed in his scientific endeavour and will, someday, be suitably recognized by a Nobel prize as well. The Indo-Canadian community needs many other such professionals and successful businessmen to project a good image of our community here. Only by such measures we will be able to obtain our rightful place in the larger society. Any volunteers?

A profile Multiculturalism Minister

Multiculturalism Minister Jim Fleming, 40, is a former radio and television broadcast journalist who was first elected to the House of Commons in 1972 as member for the Toronto riding of York West.

As a backbencher, Mr. Fleming has served as parliamentary secretary to both the Minister of Communications (1975) and the Minister of the Environment and Fisheries (1976). He has also been a member of the House of Commons Standing Committee on Broadcasting, Films and Assistance to the Arts (1973-1979), serving as its chairman in 1977-78.

During the 1979 session of Parliament, Mr. Fleming was official opposition critic for the Department of the Secretary of State.

In 1978 Mr. Fleming was co-chairman of the Canada-Europe Parliamentary Group and a vice-president of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (Canadian federal chapter).

He has also served on Prime Minister Trudeau's key parliamentary advisory group as chairman of the political communications committee, as the Liberal

Youth-Caucus Liaison, and as the chairman of the Toronto and District Federal Liberal Caucus and the Ontario Federal Liberal Caucus.

As a journalist, Mr. Fleming worked for many of Canada's major radio and television operations, including CTV, national news, CFTO-TV News, CFRB, CKEY and CHFI Toronto. While hosting and working on several television public affairs programs, Mr. Fleming was also president of the Toronto Municipal Press Gallery in 1966.

Mr. Fleming's involvement in politics began way back in 1961 when he was Model Parliament prime minister of the University of Toronto. He first sought public office as a candidate for the Liberal Party in the 1971 Ontario provincial election. Later he served as executive assistant to former Ontario Liberal Leader Bob Nixon.

Born in Kitchener, Ontario, Mr. Fleming graduated from the University of Toronto in 1961 with a B.A. in political science.

Mr. Fleming is married to Dona, nee Snepers of Hamilton. They have two children.

Family helps scientist

By Margaret Munro

Beside Canada's leading genetic engineer is a woman who thinks of biochemistry as a religion.

Love for the science fairly radiates from the Narang home in Briargreen, (Ottawa).

The man of the house, Dr. Sarin Narang, has been working seven-day weeks an average of 16 hours a day for the last 20 years. He seldom takes vacations. When he does, they are planned around lectures and conferences and sprinkled with brain-storming sessions with colleagues at research centres abroad.

One of best in world

The National Research Council scientist is considered one of the best in the world in the field of genetic engineering. He has been offered jobs by nearly every major pharmaceutical firm in the world.

While anxious to share the credit for his accomplishments with his "right-hand man," Dr. Ray Wu of Cornell University in New York and other colleagues, the 46-year-old native of India said Tuesday his wife, Sandhya, has always been his strongest driving force.

"She is very strong and very ambitious," he laughed, adding that Sandhya, 39, is his "first love," biochemistry his second and classical Indian music his third.

Far from complaining about her husband's hours, Sandhya relishes the evenings she spends discussing genetics with him and the Saturdays she spends helping him in his NRC lab.

She also knows she can pick up the phone at whim - she did it twice Tuesday afternoon - and get her husband out of the lab to speak with her.

Their 15-year-old daughter Ajoo is also a frequent and welcome helper in her dad's lab. She is just now learning to understand his science.

Having her father leave the house at 7:30 a.m., return about 7 p.m., eat dinner and relax for a few hours before heading to the basement to write research papers until late at night "is the way things have always been," she says.

The family's social life revolves around biochemistry.

"Superficial" partying, drinking and smoking hold no appeal. In recent years, the family has toured the world, attending biochemistry lectures and conferences.

"I listen to all his lectures, and anything I don't understand I make him explain to me," says Sandhya, whose passion for learning has earned her a doctorate in religion since coming to North America.

Apart from running the Narang's vegetarian household - adorned with more than 200 plants, a greenhouse and a swimming pool - Sandhya has just enough time left to do a little volunteer work for senior citizens.

The Narang's faith in themselves has seen them through dire times.

After completing their education in India, they married and left their affluent families to head for North America, where they found poverty.

One of Sandhya's most vivid memories of the year her husband spent as a post-doctoral student at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore is of two weeks they spent practically starving.

After a year there, Narang

landed a job with Har Gobind Khorana of the University of Wisconsin. Khorana, who later won a Nobel Prize for deciphering the genetic code, was a legend in India, also his homeland.

The legend tarnished as Narang toiled long into the nights for the next five years in Khorana's lab, with his wife at his side helping.

Narang still gives Khorana much credit for teaching him the tricks of the genetic engineering trade.

In 1966, the Narangs were ready to head home to India when the National Research Council offered a job.

Narang jumped at the offer and says he hasn't complained since.

He says it's the pure research environment at the NRC, not his "substantial" salary, that keeps him in Ottawa despite the offers from the world's major drug firms.

"The NRC gave us the opportunity to realize our dreams and they continue to support them," says Narang. "I wouldn't even consider leaving. My interest is not in money but in the art of creation, and the NRC is one of the best institutions in the world to work at that art."

"I don't understand it, but the NRC is much more respected abroad than it is here in Canada."

(Ottawa Citizen).

Judge's reminder to Indira

New Delhi, (UNI) - Justice P.N. Bhagwati of the Supreme Court has urged the Prime Minister to implement "the radical proposals" made by a committee he had headed to establish a legal service programme in the country.

In a letter to Mrs. Gandhi, he says: "During your earlier period as Prime Minister you were good enough to appoint a committee under my chairmanship for making recommendations for establishing a comprehensive and dynamic legal service programme in the country and I made my report to the successor Janata Government on 31st August, 1977."

"Unfortunately, the Janata Government did not take any steps to implement the recommendations."

"The result is that the legal service programme is languishing and barring the States of Maharashtra and Karnataka, where I am guiding and supervising the legal aid programme, nothing is being done in this field in other parts of the country."

Congratulating Mrs. Gandhi on her electoral victory, he said: "It is a most remarkable achievement of which you, your friends and well-wishers can justly be proud."

"It is a great honour to be the

Prime Minister of a country like India, but it is equally a heavy responsibility, particularly since you have to build a new order out of the wreckage of the old."

Calling for immediate steps to bring about "drastic and radical changes" in the judicial system to ensure not only speedy justice but also social justice to the people, the letter asserts that the British system which India inherited "has developed serious constraints and has proved inadequate to meet the needs of a changing society in the context of vast socio-economic developments taking place in the country."

This was evident from the system's inability to deal effectively with the large volume of litigation coming before it and to adjust its procedures and to forge new tools to resolve the new problems continually thrown up by a society on the move. Justice Bhagwati says.

Arrears are mounting in courts and the judicial machinery is grinding to a halt, he contends. The Supreme Court has civil appeals of 1960-69, labour appeals of 1971 tax appeals of 1972 and criminal appeals of 1971 pending on its file.

"I am of the view that unless steps are immediately taken to remedy the state of affairs, the Supreme Court will go down."

Fresh look at plan

New Delhi, (UNI) - Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, told the Lok Sabha that her government would consider the sixth plan afresh and this would cover the period 1980-85.

Mrs. Gandhi said the Janata and Lok Dal governments could not finalise the five-year plan and the question of its revision did not therefore arise.

The Prime Minister said there was no proposal for modification of the Gadgil formula and the income adjusted total population formula for assistance to the states. The allocation of bulk of

the resources from the Centre to the states was already being made under these formulae.

In reply to a question by Mr. G.Y. Krishnan, the Prime Minister said that the Planning Commission was contemplating a study of the correlation between poverty and other factors such as unemployment, and land holdings. Along side, the programme evaluation organisation was undertaking evaluation of some of the schemes concerned with economic upliftment of the weaker sections so as to identify steps necessary for more effective implementation of such schemes.

Special courts

New Delhi, (UNI) - Appointment of special courts for the speedy trial of offences arising from the practice of untouchability has been recommended by the Commission for Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribes.

In its report for 1978-79, the Commission headed by Bhola Paswan Shastri, MP, says that in all such cases there should be procedure for summary disposal and appointment of special prosecutors at government cost.

The courts should be appointed in all states where the problem of untouchability still exists. In view of the severity of the problem in Bihar and Tamil Nadu, district and subdivisional level committees may also be set up in the two states.

The report recommends observance of anti-untouchability fortnight every year. There should be meetings, conferences, seminars, symposia, padayatras, processions and essay contests during the fortnight.

Reflection Immigrant

By A.E. Ashtamudi

Far from the banks of the Chenab and the Sutlej, Punjabi immigrants in England are creating a new and vibrant literature on the banks of the Thames and the Trent. Though derived from old traditions, the songs that now flourish in the Midlands of England reflect aspects of the life of Punjabi immigrants. It certainly is not great literature. But it surely is the stuff of life itself. It gives a picture of what goes on in the heads and hearts of the community. And what is literature but a reflection of life itself?

The predominant themes in these songs, according to Punjabi writer Joginder Samsher, are those of the "thrill of love, the pining of separation, complaining of unfaithfulness, and all the emotions which arise from life." Neither the harsh inhospitable climate of Britain nor the hostility of the racists have silenced the songs. "In many of the clubs and public houses of Leicester, Birmingham, Wolverhampton, Southall, Derby, and Coventry," says Kanwal Singh, a young poet from England who was passing through San Francisco on his way to western Canada, "one can hear the Tumba (a one-stringed instrument) and the Sarangi being played. One can also hear the voice of the heart of the Punjabi. It is the folk singers who in the songs reveal the true soul of the people."

Most Indian immigrants go to England for economic reasons, in order to make as much money as possible in the shortest time possible. They work at two jobs. Or they might be on the night shift because of the higher pay differential. The newly married young bride, fresh from the Punjab, spends the nights alone in an intolerable torment. She pleads with her husband:

Either get yourself put on a shift
Or else take me with you!

In an English double bed:

You have gone on night shift
And alone in the double bed I feel afraid.

After a week-long drudgery in the factory, the man often goes to the pub along with his beer-drinking friends. But his wife who has been waiting through the lonely vigils for a Sunday to meet him, gets angry and sings:

Even on Sundays you will not rest
I hope your pub burns down.

Young women who are in the prime of their youth and whose husbands work seven days a week from seven at night till seven in the morning, sing of their misfortune with controlled melancholy. Overtime work sucks the life blood out of the man, so she sings:

My husband is an overtime man
No better than Woolworth's goods.

The song seems to suggest that marriage to an Indian is like going voluntarily to jail, because he likes to work in a factory from morning to night and is glad to work Sundays too if he can get overtime. The wife sings:

You get up in the morning, pick up your bag and go off to the factory.
Other people walk in the parks
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To which the callous husband will reply:

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We'll live on your earnings and save mine.
After a while we'll buy more land in the Punjab
And your imprisonment will be over.

Another aspect of these songs is revealed in the changes in male-female relations.

Wives and mothers now daringly claim equal status with their husbands. In one song a wife scolds her husband thus:

Don't bawl your nonsense at me
Go and do the cooking yourself!
And mind how you talk to me
I go to work as well as you.

Another song depicts the young woman who banishes her depression and unbearable loneliness by resorting to an illicit affair with a lodger in the house:

Come my love, sit here my love!
My husband is an overtime man.
Today the throne of love is empty
Come to me and settle it.

If the husband is an old man, which is not unusual, the situation is even more fraught with tragedy for the young bride. Her parents have arranged the match because of economic pressures. There is also the importance attached to his being in England and earning a good salary. The girl, in obedience to her parents' wishes, goes to England. The greater freedom afforded by the English environment has its effect. One song about a young graduate girl gone to Britain to marry a man old enough to be her grandfather, tells how the young men in the neighborhood visit her to ask her how she is faring.

The songs depict Punjabi girls as becoming a different sort of women once they breathe the English air:

English husbands call their wives "darling"
Indian men are bad.

Just as some women are depicted as deceiving their husbands, so also there are men "who prefer the molasses they get outside to the sugar they get at home," said Kanwal Singh using a poetic turn of phrase translated from his native Punjabi. They neglect their wives and go after illicit encounters in Soho and Piccadilly:

I am a Punjabi beauty,
Fairer than even the fair-skinned English girls.
So why do you go to spend your nights in London.

Differences in tastes and temperament also produce conflicts between man and wife. Thus it is the wife who sings:

You go off to the Pub
I'll go to the Pictures every week

(Indian films and video-cassettes are doing a rousing business among the community). Gradually her temperament changes. She gets used to going for pictures and watching the television and after a while she is no longer the Punjabi village girl she once was, but a sort of Indian Englishwoman. Those who cannot find the courage to adopt modern English fashions content themselves with following modern Indian fashions. One song lists these changes:

There was a time when Jal Kaur used to sit on her stool and spin with the other girls in the village, pleasing the young men who passed by with glances from beneath the ghungat.

She used to go to the fair with her anklets clinking
But now she is like a charge-hand, and like the white women,

walks provocatively, swinging her hips.
Now she goes about shopping dressed in the close-fitting pajama!
She used to eat peras (Indian sweets)
Now she eats sandwiches.

If the wife gets work, it is almost certain to be factory work. She feels the strain of the factory work as well as the house work. But the lure of the pay packet is much too great:

Ari Ari Ari, At the bus stop stands Kartari
Waiting for the 207 bus to take her to work
She works from 8 to 8 and brings home a fat pay-check
Get behind her and let her on the bus first
She's not a common garden girl.

The man with daughters is in difficulties according to some of these songs. He must either send his daughters back to India to be married or persuade an immigrant boy to accept her in marriage. The pretty girl however, is surrounded by would-be lovers, who tell her:

Dipu, stop looking over your shoulder.
No more Sikhs are coming.
No fiancés are coming now from the Punjab.
For the English Government has said so
Now be my girlfriend, and let's enjoy ourselves.
I can even buy a Jaguar for you to ride in.

To which the keen, observant girl replies:

Just look at your pock-marked face!
Stop talking nonsense, don't keep boasting
You are just a saucy little girl.
If you are a Midlands Jai, I am a Southall girl.

Tension, physical tiredness, and her husband's overwhelming indifference makes the wife's lot unbearable. And she may turn to drink for comfort. One song speaks of such a woman:

I was born in the land of the Five Rivers (Punjab)
And married abroad in this troublesome place.
A bag in one hand, an umbrella in the other,
I must run to the factory early in the morning.

When after a hard day's work I return home at evening
My mother-in-law scolds me for not working overtime.
O my indifferent husband, I wish your whole family would fall into fire.
And all your earnings too.
You have brought me much trouble
I have nothing left to comfort me but drink.

The infamous mother-in-law is alive and doing well in immigrant Punjabi homes. In most immigrant homes, it is the girl's mother-in-law who reigns supreme. The woman keeps constantly harping on the newly arrived bride that her parents-in-law have done her mother and father a great favour in taking her into their household. Living in the strange environment of the foreign country, her mother-in-law's oppression becomes quite cruel. She misses her own country. She sings:

Better had I stayed in my village
Passing my days shaping the cow dung cakes
Better had I stayed there, drawing water from the well
And taking the men's food to the fields.
Better that I had stayed in my mud house
I would at least have been queen in my own home.

Racism and CTV

(Excerpts from a Speech by Michael Cassidy, Leader, Ontario New Democratic Party to the CANADIAN BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL FORUM, Ottawa)

Your invitation gives me a chance to express the concerns of the New Democratic Party about the CTV program 'Campus Give-away'. The program was misleading, inaccurate and conveyed a message which attacked the Chinese-Canadian community. The message was that our universities are being overrun by Chinese students from outside Canada and that visible minorities are not real Canadians. The message was racist and not founded on fact.

The program was based on a complaint of a young woman from Niagara Falls who thought she was unable to get into a pharmacy program at the University of Toronto because foreign students were taking all the places. The program created an image that universities were almost entirely filled with Chinese students and that these Chinese students were people from outside of Canada who are coming in to quickly get education subsidized by the Canadian taxpayers and then intended to leave and use their skills elsewhere.

The astounding part of the program was that most of the film of university students was of second and third generation Chinese Canadians. The producers of the program seemed to assume just because someone looked Asian, they were not Canadian. I am distressed that a news program which frequently produces high calibre programming could make such a profound mistake. Asians and other visible minorities suffer greatly when other Canadians make a similar mistake.

The effort to get CTV to repay the damage this show created has not yet succeeded. That is a sad comment on the blindness of

If I had not come to this country
I would not have suffered this torture.
O God grant that my mother in law may die
Who demands that I hand over my unopened pay packet.

Such songs give a glimpse of the problems of the immigrants from rural Punjab. Other songs exist which describe the feelings of wives whose husbands leave for England soon after their marriage.

Since my husband went to England, no letter from him comes
He stole my heart and went away,
My eyes look for his coming every day.
When a woman is married and her husband is across the sea,
What kind of marriage is that?
In the Punjab, crops without water die.

Another song describes the state of the girl whose fiancé has left for England, telling her that he will send for her soon, and then forgets her:

You told me that as soon as you got there you would send my visa
But now you have forgotten me.
Has some English girl bewitched you, and kept you under her spell?
Or does your heart seek wealth, and you pursue it, turning your back on me?
O Jivan Singh, come just once to me that I may see you.

(Kanwal Singh who introduced me to these songs is presently touring North America to collect folk songs from Punjabis in Western Canada and U.S.A. I acknowledge his help in the collection and translation of materials presented here).

too many in Canada to the pain of racism.

CTV has now admitted that their research was wrong and the numbers of non-Canadian students were greatly exaggerated. I want to be perfectly clear, I do not believe that CTV acted with any particular malice, they were simply victims of the large number of misperceptions about visible minorities which exist in Canadian society. Having discovered their mistake it is time they moved to correct it.

I believe the demand of Chinese Canadians that CTV give them equal time to present a positive view of the Chinese community in Canada should be supported. We have too little on our television which allows all Canadians to see the contribution of our many ethnic communities. By our very nature we are a multicultural society, we speak many languages, we are many races, but we all are Canadians.

You are aware of course in a personal way of how various groups suffer because they have undeserved poor images. While the Asian migration to Canada has included a very large number of highly trained professionals, North Americans have traditionally perceived Asians as menials. For that reason, governments have been slow in appointing Asians to positions of responsibility, and employers have been slow in hiring Asians with high qualifications.

The same problems have plagued other groups. Italian Canadians, for example, are too often seen as construction and factory workers despite the fact that Italians have been in Canada for generations and have shown great skills and ability in almost every field in our society.

Racism and discrimination remain as major problems in Canada today and cry out for action if we are to maintain and enhance the multicultural nature of our society.

New Democrats have been urging the government for some time to strengthen the Human Rights Code to include specific means of protecting our citizens from racist attacks and to ensure that the Ontario Human Rights Commission is strengthened so it can act promptly to give redress to people with valid complaints.

Secondly, we believe it is essential that Canadians of all backgrounds gain a better understanding of multiculturalism. The CTV program took the view that the cultural activities of Chinese Canadian students are not really Canadian activities. A view, I reject. We must understand that our society is built of many cultures and there is a richness to be shared, not a force to be feared.

Thirdly, we believe that the promotion of activities to sustain our many ethnic communities is highly important. I am pleased to report that for the first year since its inception in 1977, heritage language program funding has not been cut back. I take great pride in this because I believe it is only because of the New Democratic Party's fight that the cutbacks of the heritage language program have ceased. We believe that heritage language programs should be integrated into the regular school program rather than being confined to after school.

As all Canadian ethnic groups become secure then the possibility of us working together and building a dynamic society increases. We believe the government can play a substantial role in leadership. We believe that this will be of great benefit to all our citizens.

POET'S CORNER

AT THE POTTER'S DANCE

Potter Gundaya did dance to the beat
Of his pot above the Lord, Down o then
Slept He, for the music, lo, besieged His Feet
Behold His arms embrace the quarters ten:
All the nether worlds his Foot doth cover:
The other the Cosmos scales the stars His hair
Whisk. His tresses slide the sacred river:
The Crescent both rocking roll to measure rate:
And the leaping Trident looses lightnings live:
Bleateth Brahma's Head: The Hide at back
Efflueth the Brahmins: the serpents weaving five:
Hasten the Heavenly Choir: "Nay, We lack
Not." The pot's enough", saveth He. And Creation smit
Is dancing on. The Harmony of it!

K.V.A.

New liquor laws in Rajasthan

New Delhi (IBS) - The Rajasthan Government has asked individuals not obtaining permits of their liquor stocks by April 15, to either dispose of them or gift to permit holders.

The order has been issued following the introduction of total prohibition in the remaining 3 districts of Jaipur, Udaipur and Ganganagar.

The order says that individuals possessing liquor are required to apply for a permit, along with

medical certificates directly to the district excise officer concerned or through the licensed liquor shops by April 15.

Permission can be obtained on grounds of health. Foreign tourists will, however, be entitled to get their supplies for consumption in hotel permit rooms or from licensed liquor shops on production of their passports.

All hotels, bars and establishments holding permits, will continue to operate their supply of liquor in their permit rooms to foreign tourists or foreigners.

Lawyers protest

New Delhi (UNI) - In a countrywide action, lawyers stayed away from courts April 3, in response to a call by the Supreme Court Bar Association to protest against "police highhandedness" against their fraternity in Gwalior.

The police were alleged to have beaten up some lawyers who were talking to undertrial prisoners on the premises of the Gwalior bench of the Madhya Pradesh High Court. A lawyers' strike ensued and the Government ordered a judicial inquiry into the incident.

But Gwalior and Indore lawyers have been on a continued strike demanding the suspension of some high police officers even as the inquiry was underway. The

Government has refused to make any such transfers.

The Madhya Pradesh incident found an echo in many States and the Supreme Court Bar Association took up the cause of their Gwalior colleagues and marked April 3 for an All-India lawyers' strike.

In Delhi, lawyers boycotted the Supreme Court and the High Court.

This was the second time in its history that the Supreme Court was boycotted by lawyers. The first time was in protest against the appointment of Mr. Justice A. N. Ray as the Chief Justice in 1974.

Changes in judiciary urged

New Delhi (UNI) - Justice P. N. Bhagwati of the Supreme Court has called for immediate steps to bring about "drastic radical changes" in the judicial system to ensure not only speedy justice but also social justice to the people.

In a letter addressed to the Prime Minister some time ago, Mr. Justice Bhagwati said that the British system of administration of justice which India inherited "has developed serious constraints and has proved inadequate to meet the needs of a

changing society in the context of vast socio-economic developments taking place in the country."

He said this was evident from the incapacity of the system to deal effectively with the large volume of litigation coming before it and to adjust its methods and procedures and to forge new tools for resolving the new kind of problems that are continuously thrown up by a society on the move.

Prohibition and Mussoorie

Mussoorie (U.P.) (UNI) - Prohibition, introduced two years ago, has cast a spell of economic gloom over the gay social life of this picturesque hill resort.

Boisterous bars and well-stocked liquor stores in this 150-year-old town, which commands a panoramic view of the snow-clad Himalayan ranges, are empty, bringing gloom to its already fragile economy.

In the wind-swept, neat, narrow bazars of Mussoorie, almost every shop-keeper - from a 'Bihari panwala' to an Anglicised manager of a posh restaurant - turns out to be an inveterate anti-prohibitionist.

...Saa... Angrez (Englishmen)

breathed life and soul into this town and these parables (derogatory expression for former chief minister R. N. Yadav) have snuffed it out," bemoans a small stall owner summing up the bitterness generated by the economic pinch of prohibition.

Officials, however, have an altogether different story to tell. Over 6,00,000 tourists visited Mussoorie last year as against 3,75,000 in 1977.

SHIVAJI STAMP

Bombay, Apr. 17 (UNI) - The Union Government has decided to issue a commemorative stamp in memory of Shivaji on the occasion of his 300th death anniversary.



Peter F. Mahta, long-time head of Air-India's North American operation retired from the Corporation on March 31, after 32

years, upon reaching the mandatory age of 58. At a recent industry reception, left to right:

Peter F. Mahta;

J.R.D. Tata, founder and former Chairman of Air-India; Marlene Mahta; Hari M. Kaul who takes over as Director, North America.

Advise on police firings

New Delhi, Apr. 17 (UNI) - The Centre has advised the States and the Union Territories that the police should open fire only as a last resort in dealing with public agitations.

However, it may be advisable to use firearms to deal with communal disturbances and desperate criminals such as dacoits.

According to official sources, State governments' own rules and the Centre's standing instructions are of the use of minimum force by the police for dispersing unlawful assemblies.

Nasreen for New York

New Delhi (IBS) - The three year-old toddler, Nasreen-Banu, who lost her eye-sight due to blighted negligence on the part of the so-called specialised hospital - Sarojini Devi Eye Hospital - is being flown to New York for treatment at the memorial hospital there.

Besides her father, Bahadur Khan, who is a mechanic in a public sector undertaking, Dr. V. Krishna Mohan Rao, a radio therapist at the Mehdi Nawaz Jung Cancer Hospital will accompany the patient. The child, whose cancer infected left eye was not removed, but instead the illustrious physicians removed her completely healthy right eye.

Medical college seats

New Delhi (UNI) - The Supreme Court has held that reservation of only two per cent seats in medical colleges in Kerala for candidates from outside the state ran counter to the constitutional direction of equal opportunity and the preambular emphasis on national integrity.

In a judgement, Justice V. R. Krishna lyer and Justice R. S. Pathak cautioned the State Government that an enlightened policy of admission to institutions of higher studies in harmony with the constitution must be formulated if it is not to be guilty of contributing to the confusion in college campuses and student litigation which paralyzes educational life.

The court expressed the hope that time will not be lost in giving a fresh and fundamental look at the problem.

The Centre is, however, concerned because despite these instructions there is a tendency among policemen to resort to firing.

The Centre has impressed that

the power to use firearms should be used sparingly and it should be seen that the powers for dispersal of unlawful assemblies are so exercised as to cause minimum injuries to the people. There should be no cause for the police to use force of any nature in dealing with peaceful protests.

Revolving tower

New Delhi (IBS) - The Government today announced its decision to construct a revolving tower at Ashoka Hotel, an enterprise of Indian Tourism Development Corporation.

J. B. Patnaik, Union Minister and Civil Aviation Minister told the house during question hour that the construction of the revol-

ving tower formed part of the expansion scheme of the hotel in 1967.

This could not be implemented in full then as the hotel accommodation was urgently required for delegates to the UNCTAD. Priority allotted to other schemes further delayed the construction of the tower.

Immigration to the U.S.

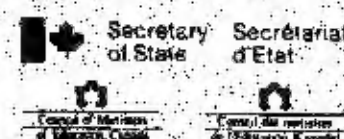
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miracles and mystique. The colour sequences and scenic splendour of the Vaishnu Devi shrine in *Aasha* have their own fascination.

Even after over a decade and a half in films, Jeeneendra still sports boyish looks. Reena Roy is maturing into an accomplished artist. In a certain ghazal-like song, she plays the mannerism of a well-known Qawwali singer, Rameshwari, who staged her debut in *Dulhan Wohi Jo Pya Man Bhaye*, does not have the face and figure of a glamorous gal, yet in the beginning she is cast as a frolicking collegian - which suits her. But later as a middle-aged widow she plays that role convincingly. As a widow, she plays a blind character; in real life she had some eye trouble when the film was being shot. Girish Karnad's face looks haggard. He seems out of place as the atheist murti-maker. In contrast Sudhir Dalvi as purohit is superb.

Enthrancing music is the highlight of almost all of J Om Prakash films. In *Aasha*, there's a tinge or two to appeal, but not so entrancing as to become popular.

KING

Directed by Richard Kaplan

Richard Kaplan, a lovable and forthright person, specializes in feature length documentaries on important personalities and public figures. With such genre of films one has to be correct factually and precise in comment.

Three of his films: *The Eleanor Roosevelt Story*, *A Look at Liv: Norway's Liv Ullmann* and *King* - were shown at the Filmotsav '80 held at Bangalore, last January. One found all the three faithful to their subjects, containing documentary footage and/or clips from their films, informative and educative. One can only guess the amount of research and dedication that had gone through in their making.

King is a long-size documentary of a noble soul who worked and died for a cause - the cause of the Black Man who wants nothing but equal rights with his "White" co-citizen.

Martin Luther King had a place of his own in the history of Black struggle in the USA. Perhaps the greatest contemporary Black leader. The film is not only a tribute to his work and political convictions but also the biography of a movement - from the 1956 Montgomery bus boycott to his assassination in the late sixties. That he was a spell-binding speaker is evident from the documentary footage of his "I've a Dream" speech - so eloquent and so heart-rending that even his opponents would not fail to be moved.

After seeing the film - an enlightening assemblage of news-reel and TV footage, reaction shots of the audience to Martin Luther King's leadership qualities, the non-violent Selma marches and the White police's repression of the unarmed marchers and the Chicago massacre - one becomes aware of the Black leader's popularity and dedication. At times one feels one has become a part of his audience - so mesmerizing is King's personality and diction.

The film has the TV footage of King receiving the Nobel Prize. Posthumously he was awarded the Nehru Award for his services to humanity, and his widow received it in New Delhi. Asked if he would like to include the Nehru Award footage as an epilogue to the film, Mr. Kaplan said that then he may have to include many more things.

Mr. Kaplan showed his interest in making a feature length documentary on Mahatma Gandhi.

Esthappan (Malayalam)

Directed by G. Aravindan

Produced by K Ravindranathan Nair

Aravindan's is a unique brand of cinema - artistic, off-beat and at times experimental. His films don't have the traditional story yet they tell a certain narrative about a profession (circus artists in a small town - *Thampu*), about a certain character (mask-seller in *Kumattay*), about the hoary Ramayana tale when Nature dominated Man (*Kanchan Sita*).

Esthappan is again about a certain Christian character who defies description, who is many things in himself: a prophet, a hearer, a thief and a charlatan. He could be an imbecile, he could be an angel; he could be a parasite, he could be a priest; he could be a wayfarer, he could be a wail. He is many things, that makes him an enigma. His life is episodic, a kaleidoscope of different patterns, ever changing, ever colourful. If he is full of quiet mystery, that is part of his personality. He is mysterious, he is mystical, he is magical; he is something more than all these. He is above wants and desires. He goes to the aid of the poor, the needy, and even the naughty. He appears from nowhere, he goes to nowhere, and yet he seems to be everywhere. He is a part of human society, yet an outsider. He has no message, yet there is a message about his entire personality: Be selfless and of service to humanity.

Rajan Kakkadan as *Esthappan* evokes a mysterious and mystical air about him. He may look odd and lost, but that is part of his trait. Aravindan takes pains to put his personality across in a convincing and plausible manner. The treatment has a calm surface about it yet one feels the stirrings of intense energy behind it. Shaji's cinematography has a comparative mixture of elements - good and bad. One finds many switches in night and day in the same scene when it is broken into shots. 'I still think his best colour work is in *Kanchan Sita*, may be the hoary locales of Andhra Pradesh inspired him. Fade-in and fade-out are not properly done.

Audience reaction shots are too many, Aravindan seems to specialize in them. In *Thampu* and *Kumattay* they had some relevance, but in *Esthappan* they seem out of place. The first shots - in the church - seem posed, not as natural as in *Thampu*. Faces are stiff and camera-conscious.

DARSHAK in Democratic World.

ATTEMPT ON NIRANKARI CHIEF'S LIFE

New Delhi (IBS) - The Nirankari Chief, Baba Gurbachan Singh escaped injury in an obvious attempt on his life, when he was travelling from Durg to Bhubai. A truck coming from the opposite direction hit the pilot car, killing a woman, a close relation of the Nirankari chief. Police claimed that a bullet was also fired from the truck, which just missed a policeman on duty. Avtar Singh, a local "sardar" has been held in connection with the incident.

He had not heard of Mahatma - the 30-reel film biography of the Father of the Nation - produced by the Gandhi Smarak Nidhi, on the occasion of the 100th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. Kaplan has made two short films of India - *In India the Sun Rises in the East*, and *India: Crafts and the Craftsmen*.

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Public sector film studio

Trivandrum, (UNI) - A public sector studio complex with everything that a modern film-maker needs, being built near here at a cost of Rs 35 million is expected to be operational within two months.

A film shooting floor, a mechanised workshop, a processing laboratory editing rooms and a recording theatre are among the facilities being provided in the first phase at the Kerala State Film Development Corporation's studio complex, fast getting ready on an enchanting 36-hectare plot at Thiruvallam, about eight km from the city on the way to the famous beach resort of Kovalam.

Corporation Chairman P R S Pillai told UNI that all the sophisticated equipment had already arrived and erection work would begin early next month. Machinery had come from many countries, including the United States, Britain and West Germany.

Different parts of the complex have been laid out differently to suit the diverse needs of film makers. Trees have been placed thoughtfully so that the hero can chase the heroine around them.

Golden Lotus for Shodh

New Delhi, Apr. 12 (UNI) - Hindi feature film "Shodh" depicting the tale of a youth fighting poverty, exploitation and superstition in an Orissa village, has won the Golden Lotus for being the best film of 1979. The prize also carries a cash award of Rs 20,000.

The 27th national film awards announced today include "Sankarabharanam" (Telugu), which bags the award for the best feature film with a mass appeal, wholesome entertainment and aesthetic value and "22 June 1897", a Marathi film having national integration as its theme.

Veteran film-maker Sohrab Modi joined the galaxy of winners of the coveted Dadasaheb Phalke Award given by the Government for outstanding contribution to the cause of Indian cinema.

The Information and Broadcasting Minister, Vasant Sathe, who announced the awards at a news conference, agreed with a film critic that it was "indeed a tragedy" that most of the films adjudged "best" in various categories for 1979 were yet to be screened for the public.

The only way out was building of cheaper cinema theatres all over the country, Mr. Sathe said. He said the Government would help build them with the condition that they would reserve a certain portion of their showing time for quality low-budget films.

Speaking of the awards, Mr. Sathe said they were meant to encourage quality cinema and hence the criterion could not be their popularity alone.

The winners of Silver Lotus are Kannad film "Dangeyadda Makalu" (best children's film) and "Ek din prati din" (best director

"Ek din prati din" was also adjudged the best film in Bengali.

"Spash" a film about the deaf and dumb produced by Basu Bhattacharya and directed by Sai Paranjpye was adjudged the best film in Hindi. Mrs. Paranjpye also received the best screen-play award.

Its leading actor Naseeruddin Shahi bagged the best actor award. The best actress award

for a conventional film. If the requirement is different, there is an exotic garden of cacti, including some imported varieties. An artificial lake is also taking shape.

Huts left behind by those who lived in the area before the land was acquired for the studio have been preserved to give an authentic touch to rural scenes.

The pride of the studio complex is a giant shooting floor 43 metres long, 25 metres wide 14 metres high. It is believed to be the biggest in the country. It can accommodate several sets at a time. It will have provision for "back projection" - a facility which enables shooting on the sets of scenes with outdoor effect.

The other facilities in the complex include single and double make-up rooms for male and female artists, sound room, camera room, dining hall and stores.

An independent workshop with the necessary equipment to fabricate sets has been built in the complex.

The Corporation has plans to set up a school of acting as part of the complex.

went to Mrs. Shobha for her performance in Tamil film "Pasi".

Other Silver Lotus winners in the regional feature film category are "Arivu" (Kannada), "Peruvazhiambalam" (Malayalam), "Simhasan" (Marathi), "Sri Krishna Basa Lila" (Oriya), "Pasi" (Tamil), "Nagna Saryam" (Telugu) and "Olanchagee Wangmadassoo" (Manipuri).

The jury headed by South Indian film maker L V Prasad noted that there were no entries in Gujarati, English, Kashmiri, Sindhi and Punjabi.

Some of the jury members, including Mr. Prasad and Gajanan Jagirdar, chairman of the jury for short films, were present at the news conference.

"Shodh" is the first Hindi film made in Orissa. Produced by Sitakant Misra and directed by Calcutta's Nipal Ray Chaudhry, the film also wins for its photographer Rajan Kingagi the best cinematography award.

"Sankarabharanam" has bagged all the three music awards - music director K V Mahadevan, best male playback singer, S P Basubramanyam and best female playback singer Vani Jayaram.

Geeta Khanna of Hindi Film "Aangan ki Kali" fame has been adjudged the best child star.

Among the other technical awards, best black and white cinematography award goes to Kamal Nayek for "Neem Annapurna" (Bengali), best editing award to Gangadhar Naskar for "Ek Din Prati Din" and best art direction award to Jayoo Patwardhan for "22 June 1897". There was no winner for the award on sound recording.

SARASWATI JOINS CONGRESS

New Delhi, (UNI) Former AIADMK Minister P T Saraswati has joined the Congress-I.

She met finance minister R Venkataraman and other Congress-I leaders like the new TNCC-I president M P Subramaniam and R V Swaminathan, on Sunday. She also called on AICC General Secretary A R Antulay.

Kathakali in California

In the intimacy of the Sunnyvale Performing Arts Center last Saturday, two of India's finest dance forms, Kathakali and Bharatanatyam, were performed by three local artists of consummate calibre.

The Kunhiraman - K.P. and Kathakali-exponents of Kerala's traditional dance theatre Kathakali in the U.S., are a mutually complementary dance duo. They have courageously established a cultural beach-head since the founding of their Kalanjali in Berkeley to present the dances of India with the artistic integrity and pristine so carefully upheld at Kalakshetra in Madras. Which is precisely what the pair set out to do in their condensed version of the dance drama 'Kalavasa Sougandhikani'. It showed to good effect the dramatic qualities of Kunhiraman's Bhima. True to form their colorful and elaborate costumes were authentic. Draupadi was a fetchingly coy counterpart to that gallant and amazingly superhuman hero Bhima, whose every facial muscle and eye movements coordinated with the limbs to show such vivid scenes as a python, an elephant, and a lion engaged in mortal combat. Tenderness and marital felicity, swift footwork and rhythmic sways, gentle grace and animal ferocity, mingled in one brief thrilling encounter from the Mahabharata. In addition to the Kathakali drama, the Kunhiraman performed two items in the Bharatanatyam style-Jatisyaram and Gitopadesha. Their concluding item was the lively stick dance from Gujarat, the Ras, which certainly added a festive mood to the evening.

NDP's offer

According to reliable sources in the Ontario provincial NDP, that party will be willing to assist Indo-Canadians and other minority groups who would like to run for the office of school board trustees this fall, especially in the Toronto area. Though, we as a newspaper, do not take any political stand, we will be happy to pass on any such requests to the right individual in the NDP. Enquiries welcome.

New feeder airlines

New Delhi (IBS) - The feeder airline proposed to be launched by the Government would be partly in public and partly in private sector operations.

Civil Aviation Minister J. B. Patnaik said that it was not contemplated to have the third-level airline completely in the public sector. In areas like the north-east where particularly no state government was willing to join, the airline would be operated in the public sector.

In other sectors where private parties or state governments were interested, they would be permitted to operate their own service. Mr. Patnaik said that the idea behind the feeder airline was to serve the backward zones not covered well by Indian Airlines.

MALAYALAM MOVIES LOSING GULF MARKET

New Delhi (IBS) - The foreign markets of Malayalam films have started shrinking as a result of a fall demand from Gulf countries. Until recently, an average Malayalam film could fetch \$8,000 to \$9,000 by way of distribution rights for the Gulf region. Informants say the price has nosedived recently and there are very few takers right now.

Kalanjali's claim to be the only dance company in the United States presenting fully costumed Kathakali dance dramas, ought to be taken more seriously by audiences who care to preserve and foster traditional dance from India. And it is a measure of the dedication that the Kunhiraman have brought to their art, far from its natural milieu.

Mythili Kumar (nee Mythili Ramakrishna) who has taken up residence in San Jose, began her program with a Vandana to Saraswati, which, done with charming equanimity set the mood for the graceful lines that she wove again and again throughout her performance. In one of the most beautiful and elaborate varnams evoking Lord Subramaniam, Mythili incorporated technical virtuosity with artful interpretation. Wave after wave of dance sequences were enriched in between by passages of emotional interpretation of song in her varnam. All three components of dance were magnificently displayed. Later, she said that she had managed to edit her varnam from a full 31 minutes to 23 minutes.

Mythili Krishna N. Begane was a real treat - aesthetically as well as emotionally. Her interpretation in soft flowing gestures and vibrant emotions will be remembered for a long time. It was an impeccable performance, surprisingly deft in the display of Yasoda's maternal fondness for the playful child-god Krishna. Time and time again this young exponent of Bharata natyam reached into her repertoire of matchless choreography for an inspiring evening. Finally in Gitopadesha, the core of the Gita, Mythili excelled in depicting Krishna's Vishwa-Rupa as well as Arjuna's resolve to "wreak havoc in the ranks of the enemy". How the faint hearted, hapless, and despondent Arjuna metamorphosed into the resolute warrior sending forth deadly arrows precisely on target, brought epic drama, poetry, philosophy, and dance into union.

The program was organized by an increasingly active South India Fine Arts Group.

Francis Anand.

Work of Multicultural Council

The following views were presented to the Ontario Multicultural Council by S. Akhtar of Ottawa recently.

The Council should organize sufficient publicity in the communities of the names of members appointed in the Council so that a rapport could be built between the member and the local community organizations to provide input of the community concerns.

The Council should make a strong representation that the national radio and television media must provide sufficient coverage of the "other Canadians". More programs on the pattern of "the Pakistanis" filmed by CBC in 1978 broadcast in Ottawa, may be filmed in different communities covering different ethnic groups. If media cannot inform and educate who else should? The Council could sponsor a "one to one" getting to know you program in the following manner.

Each member of the Council should solicit and prepare a list of host families within his city or

area of residence, who would volunteer to invite a member of another ethnic community in his home for an informal occasion. Different ethnic community organizations would then be requested to match the host list with at least one member of its own community group. Actual date, timing and occasion for the family contact could then be left with the families concerned. A birthday party, an anniversary, a day of festival or just a quiet evening with the two families.

It is our firm opinion that lack of information is the basic root of prejudices. What is an aroma for one person could well be the odor for the other.

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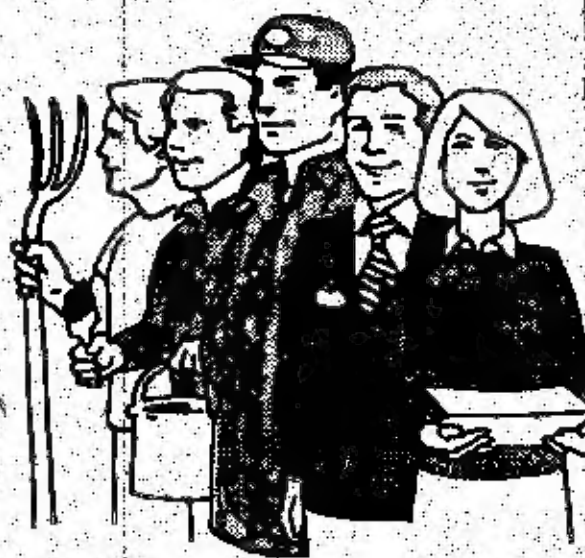
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Yellow peril bitter pill

By Dr. Gordon Chong

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Why was the Chinese student population singled out for this obviously biased piece of reporting? One reason could be that the community has responded to provocation in the past by simply turning the other cheek. Another reason could be that the Chinese, being a visible minority, are naturally more prominent when their numbers increase in any group. Another reason might well be that because the Chinese students do so well academically they are a natural target for others to resent and envy.

Whatever the reason, this situation must not be allowed to persist because it does nothing to encourage and assist the full realization of the multicultural nature of Canadian society, nor does it facilitate the mutual appreciation and understanding among all Canadians for which we are all striving.

At the same time when all Canadians are concerned about Canadian unity and a Canadian identity, are we going to stand idly by while an ethnocultural group in Canadian society is singled out for attack? If we are going to do more than pay lip service to the pursuit of Canadian unity, all Canadians, individually and collectively, must speak out and condemn CTV for the shoddy journalism exemplified by the WS program. Such irresponsible reporting is a divisive force and a real threat to our pursuit of Canadian unity.

At the very least, pressure should be brought to bear to make CTV issue an apology and agree to do a program in the very near future illustrating the positive aspects and contributions of the Chinese Canadian community to Canada. In the future, they should agree to do similar programs for other ethnocultural groups as well. Nothing less is really acceptable in our quest for Canadian unity.

More U.S. collaborators

New Delhi (IBS) - The United States occupies a predominant position in India's foreign collaborations.

According to official figures, the amount involved in foreign collaborations with the US rose from Rs 44.72 million in 1976 to Rs

Tamil glory

New Delhi (IBS) - Preliminary excavations have shown up yields in three different sites which promise a glimpse of the ancient and medieval glory of ancient Tamil according to the Archaeological Department.

The sites are at Gangaikondacholapuram in Tiruchirappalli district, Polovampatti in Coimbatore district and Kovalanpottal on the outskirts of Madurai. A visit to the first mentioned site where the mighty Chola empire once existed, showed that valuable finds had been unearthed depicting the culture, civilization and skill of the once mighty south Indian kingdom. Pottery, terra-cotta and some coins made up the collection. Diggings at the other two sites are likely to also yield rich dividends.

Film fare awards

New Delhi (IBS) - For his well-played role in the offing titled "gol maal", Amol Palekar wins the best actor of the year award presented by "Filmfare" in their 27th presentation ceremony.

Amol Palekar who took the part of a two-timing young man who uses subterfuges to keep his job and his love affair alive, won the accolade for his good performance. Two other "Filmfare" awards came the way of the movie. Utpal Dutt, a versatile veteran of the silver screen stole the thunder for best comedian of the year, while the lyric "Aane wala Pal" composed by Gulzar, annexed the best song of the year accolade.

The film "Junoon" produced by star Shashi Kapoor, got the best picture award, while director Shyam Benegal strolled off with the best directors award. For her role in "Naukar", Jaya Bahaduri gets the best actress award, while Amjad Khan's offing in "Dada" got him the best supporting actor trophy.

47.23 million in 1978.

Italy came a distant second with Rs 2.4 million and Rs 11.31 million in 1976 and 1978 respectively.

Industry-wise, engineering industries topped the list of foreign collaboration approvals. Chemicals other than fertilisers came second.

Trouble in Tarapur

New Delhi (IBS) - The level of power generation from the Tarapur nuclear plant has been slashed per force owing to non-arrival of enriched uranium from the US despite a standing Indo-US co-operation agreement in this very connection.

Prime Minister Indira Gandhi told the Lok Sabha that generation has been hacked from 2,294 million units in 1976 to just 1,958 million units. Generation this year is expected to fall further, and despite Atomic Energy Commission statements that the station "will not shut down", such an eventuality is threatening.

Mango varieties

New Delhi (UNI) - Breeding work on the mango at various research institutes has led to the development of a number of promising hybrids adding to its variety.

Some of the promising varieties were listed by minister of state for Agriculture R V Swaminathan in reply to a question by Mr. Shiva Chandra Jha, in the Rajya Sabha.

Melody queen to marry

Jammu, (UNI) - Youth Congress (B) leader Ghulam Nabi Azad, M.P. will marry the melody queen of Kashmir, Miss Shamima Dev.

The marriage will be solemnised in Srinagar.

Miss Dev has a number of discs to her credit. She is probably the only Kashmiri singer to have

recorded songs in Bengali and some other Indian languages.

She teaches music in the Government Girls College in Srinagar and has toured different parts of the country over the past four years with cultural troupes.

Mr. Azad was elected to the Lok Sabha in January from Vidarbha. He belongs to the Doda district in Jammu.

Guidelines on police behaviour

New Delhi, (UNI) - The Centre has issued guidelines to the State Government and Union Territories on steps to prevent police from misbehaving with women or subjecting them to indignity.

The States and Union Territories have been asked to ensure that except in unavoidable circumstances no woman should be arrested between sunset and sunrise. If this was unavoidable the police officer should obtain prior permission in writing from his immediate superior explaining the reasons for the arrest.

Justification for making an arrest at night should be reported to the superior officer without delay.

They have also been asked to enforce the safeguards provided in the criminal procedure code and in the state police manuals.

It has been pointed out that in some states only police officers of the rank of assistant sub-inspector or above are empowered to arrest women and also to report all such arrests to the sub-divisional police officers or district superintendents of police.

Woman doctor jailed

New Delhi, (UNI) - A woman doctor has been jailed for two years for causing the death of a Delhi University girl while trying to get her aborted.

The girl, Kiran Sharma, post graduate student of a prestigious South Delhi women's college, sought medical help when she was two and a half months pregnant.

Vijay Kumar and Man Mohan, two accused, who took the college to the doctor, were sentenced to one year's jail term each.

Additional Sessions Judge S C Jain held that the prosecution had

succeeded in establishing beyond reasonable doubt that Dr. Krishna Gogia in West Delhi with an intent to cause miscarriage, did an act which resulted in the death of Miss Sharma.

According to the prosecution Miss Sharma, accompanied by Vijay Kumar and Man Mohan, went to Dr. Gogia's clinic to have an abortion done in July 1977.

Miss Sharma's condition became serious and Dr. Gogia advised that she be moved to Ram Manohar Lohia hospital. Miss Sharma died on her way to the hospital.

Conference on the future

Dr. Rashmi Mayur, director of the Urban Development Institute in Bombay, and a member of the Futurology Panel, Government of India, has been appointed the International Coordinator of the Third World Forum at the Global Futures Conference to be held in Toronto, Canada on July 20-25, 1980. His main task will be to bring some of the eminent futurists from Africa and Asia to participate in one of the most significant events of the 1980's.

India has some of the well-known futurists, and the work in forecasting, long-range planning and development is in progress in several fields such as energy, resources and population. In fact, some universities and institutes are setting up degree programs and research projects in futurology.

The First Global Conference on the Future forebodes a turning point. Here is an opportunity to explore, understand and even help plan and design a hopeful future for such a vast humanity, which is crying to become part of the planetary developments. Planners, thinkers, policy-makers and all those in search of a vision in the developing countries, owe to their people and the world as a whole, to participate in this one of the most significant events in human history. With the massive participation of futurists from Africa, Asia, and South America, a newer and happier tomorrow will be created for everyone.

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Ashok Gotani, Manni Parsons, Rajesh Dayal, Karnali Singh, Subhash Roy, Chandraika Shah and Om P. Madan are other members of the new Executive.
Dr. Satish Chander - Past President
Diju Raha - President, ICCS.

Damages claimed

Bombay, (UNI) - Film producer K. Razdan has filed a suit in the Bombay High Court claiming over Rs 12 million as damages from actor Raj Kumar in respect of his feature film "Ulfat", in which Raj Kumar is the hero.

Mr. Razdan said in his complaint that he had started the picture - his maiden venture - in 1971, but could not complete it because Raj Kumar had refused to report for shooting.

Raj Kumar had begun interfering with all aspects of production, including direction, and had demanded half the profits as well as power of attorney to make the film as he deemed fit, Mr. Razdan said. He had also "damaged the picture in re-editing it, which he had no right to do."

IA loses traffic

New Delhi (IBS) - Following the hike in fares in November last, Indian Airlines has suffered a loss of traffic amounting to 25 per cent. The number of passengers declined by 250,000 in December-January, and by 100,000 in November itself, when the fares were jacked up.

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MARITIME TREAT



After living almost 20 years in Canada, finally last summer we chose to visit the Maritime provinces. What a treat that was for us! Lobster, lobster, and more lobster. Maritime lobsters are found mainly off the coast of Nova Scotia and in the Bay of Fundy. Shediac, a small town in New Brunswick, is generally considered as the lobster country.

The province of Nova Scotia welcomes the visitor with all kinds of lobster sights. One can go on a fishing ride with local fishermen into the heart of lobster breeding grounds. One can also buy fresh or boiled lobster at roadside stands for very reasonable prices. We bought 4 large boiled lobsters for only \$10.00. Restaurant prices are much higher.

For economy and enjoyment, one should rent a cottage or cabin with kitchen facilities and prepare the best gourmet dish with very little cost. Most lobsters are green when caught but they change color to a glistening red when cooked. Did you know that lobster is high in protein with very little fat and is ideal for weight watchers. When freshly boiled, lobster is one of the purest health foods on the market. It contains iodine, fluorine, phosphorous and is a good source of vitamin B. A small one half to a pound lobster is thought to be the best eating although in some areas, such as the Bay of Fundy, much larger ones, up to 4 pounds are delicious. Freshly boiled, piping hot lobster dipped in melted butter tastes superb!

While I was there, I talked to some fishermen, gathered some information and collected local recipes. Cooking fresh lobster is not as tedious as is generally believed. So here is your chance to know how to boil and open a fresh lobster. Lobster recipes will appear in the next issue.

How to Boil Lobsters

Fill a large deep pan with enough water to cover lobsters. For each quart of water add 1 tbsp. salt. Bring water to a rapid boil. Place fresh live lobsters head first in boiling water and when water has returned to a boil, cover and cook over medium heat for 20 minutes for first pound, 5 minutes for each additional pound. Cool rapidly by placing in cold water for 30 seconds.

How to Open a Lobster

Set lobster on its back, and with a sharp knife or poultry scissors slit open on underside from head to tail. Remove dark intestinal vein that runs through body at the centre. Holding lobster in left hand, upside down, grasp claws with right hand and twist off claws. Break off legs from body. Break tail off by pushing back and sideways. Discard sac or "lady" behind the head. Using thumbs and fingers bend tail shell sideways. Cut off membrane. Dig out succulent lobster meat from the body. To obtain meat from the claws and joints use lobster cracker.

PRAKASH WINS ALL-ENG. LAND TITLE

New Delhi (IBS) - Nine-time national champion and holder of the Swedish and Danish Open singles titles (men's) Prakash Padukone, the 24-year-old Marathi bank executive entered the realm of legends when he annexed the prestigious All-Eng-land Badminton Championship at Wembley last night. Prakash beat two-time champion and No. 1 Seed Diem Swie King of Indonesia at 15-3, 15-10, to become the first Indian to clinch the issue.

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Roof for all in 10 years

New Delhi, (UNI) - The Works and Housing Minister P. C. Sethi has said that it would be the Government's endeavour to ensure that nobody in India is without a roof within the next ten years.

Inaugurating a nine-day seminar-cum-workshop on "Improvement of housing for the lowest income families in Asia", organised jointly by UNESCO, the Foundation for International Training, Canada, and the National Buildings Organisation (NBO), Mr. Sethi said the emphasis should be on the number of houses built rather than on their durability.

He said there was in India, as well as in other developing countries, a strong tradition of house-building through self-help especially in the rural areas. But this healthy tradition should be fully backed by Government assistance. Programmes should be devised to impart simple skills and techniques to the people so as to achieve the desired improvement in housing and environmental conditions.

Experts from nine Asian countries and UN agencies as well as representatives from the private sector are participating in the workshops, whose main aim is to tackle the problems of squatter settlements and improvement of slums.

Mr. Sethi said master plans of cities should be changed, if necessary, to earmark land for slum dwellers.

He said banks should provide loans on easy terms to slum dwellers and others for building even kutcha houses and the guarantee demanded should not be on the basis of property owned but on the earning capacity of loanee.

Foolproof contraceptive

New Delhi (IBS) - Scientists working on a post coital contraceptive pill at the Central Drug Research Institute here, say that the project has run up against a hurdle.

Clinical trials of the pill over the past few years have shown it is effective in preventing pregnancy, but delays menstruation in some women, according to Dr. Nitya Nand, director of the institute.

"We are trying out different doses to reduce this effect," he said. The drug, named centhroman, was synthesised in 1967, and has since passed efficiency and safety test on rats, dogs and monkeys. The project is being funded by the Union Health Ministry and has cost about one crore rupees, 10 million dollars to date.

Dr. Nand said that the pill, if taken immediately after coitus, provides a paste which prevents the fertilised egg which reaches the uterus from growing. "Normally, the uterus will form several decidua tissues which facilitate the ovum implantation. Our drug prevents this process so that the egg finds no base and gets washed away," he said.

Clinical tests have been carried out on about 500 women and found to have worked well. "We have reasonable evidence of pregnancy protection, but it will take another couple of years before the final status of the new pill can be definitely known," the doctor added.

INDO-CANADIAN COMMUNITY CENTRE (ICCC)

PAST: Yes, some members of our community did talk a lot about a Centre of our own for a while and there had been set-backs. Finally something was done about it in 1973 by establishing ICA-Charitable Trust (the predecessor of ICCC).

- to construct, maintain and equip a community centre
- to teach Indian languages, drama, dance, music, philosophy, etc.
- to establish, promote and carry on sports activities of every nature and
- to carry on charitable and philanthropic work.

Since its inception it has taken on several projects of its own and also participated in other community activities. Mentioned below are a few

- * In 1977 ICCC, with the active cooperation of other organisations in Ottawa, sent \$24,000 for flood relief and rehabilitation work in India and in 1978 \$3,000 was collected for the same purpose. In 1979 it was Morvi Relief Fund and project 4000.
- * ICCC has been responsible for organising a hockey team for boys 9-13 and is a co-sponsor of field hockey activities in the area.
- * It held Indian classical dances and modern ballroom dance classes.
- * A donation of \$500 worth of books has been made to Nepean Public Library.
- * Along with all these activities work for establishing a community centre has been progressing steadily. ICCC owns 53 acres of land at the outskirts of Ottawa.

PRESENT:

As was reported in these columns earlier, a very active fund raising campaign has been going on since October 1979 for bringing a building at the corner of Bank St and Riverside Dr. We have come a long way. We are sure that with the enthusiastic support shown by many of the members of our community we will have our centre by May 1.

WE HAVE ONLY 1 WEEK TO GO.

We appeal to each and every member of our community to contribute your share and be part of this community project.

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This is the time for cooperation, participation, and positive action.

Two letters ICCC received recently (printed below) gives us a lot of encouragement.

"We came to know of your request for donation to Indo-Canadian community centre from the CANADIAN INDIA TIMES. We have a very small community here and so is the membership of our Association. However, we felt that a Community Centre in Ottawa is a very worthwhile cause. Therefore, on behalf of the Indo-Canadian Association of P.E.I., I am enclosing a cheque of \$50.00 as our support."

We would certainly like to keep in touch with the community in Ottawa and would like to receive the news letter, if you have any or notices of any special events or movies etc. so that any of our members who happen to be visiting Ottawa can take that opportunity to participate.

With our best wishes for the success of the Community Centre.

M. P. Madan, INDO-CANADIAN ASSOC. President, CHARLOTTETOWN PEI.

"Indian community in Pembroke - Chalk River area fully appreciate your efforts for establishing Indo-Canadian Community Centre in Ottawa. As a gesture of our support I am enclosing money order for \$80.00 contributed by members of Indian Community in this area. We wish you success in your efforts."

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Mrs. Gandhi convention

In a letter to the Federation of Indian Associations, Mrs. Indira Gandhi said: "I fully appreciate the importance of the convention which the Asian Indians are proposing to hold, and you have the best wishes for its success. I hope that it will result in united endeavor towards a common goal, which is not only look after the interests of Indian in America but also to help project a correct image of our country," she added.

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Hindus and census

It is known from reliable sources that there is no plan to include Hindus as one of the religious on which information is to be collected in 1981 census of Canada, though Islam and Buddhism are included. A numerically very insignificant groups such as Church of Nazareth, Mormon, etc are to be listed separately.

Similarly on languages statistics intends to collect information how many speak languages Armenian, Iranian and Roman but not on languages such as Hindi, Urdu, Punjabi, Bengali, Malayalam etc.

If you want to register protest write to the Minister responsible for Statistics Canada, Hon. Don Johnston, Ottawa.

Coming events

Indo-Canadian Women's Circle Ottawa will be holding a dance programme on May 18 at Ridgemont High School.

Programme director is Vasu Srinivasan. Proceeds will go to women's project in India.

For further information call Anita Bhatnagar: 825-2071, Chandan: 745-9622, Asha Nagar: 226-5084, Kanak: 746-9079.

New Delhi pavillion

Spring is here and will be followed by summer, the awaited season of school days, warm sunshine and of course the exciting Metro national Caravan (Toronto).

This year's CARAVAN will place from June 20-28. The Delhi pavillion, popular, interesting programmes, is ing talented participants metro Toronto and vicinity as, out of town. Interested individuals or groups may directly contact Shyam Ba Gladstone Sq., Bramalea, Ont. L6S 2H5. Phone 41-8318.

UP FISH SEED DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

New Delhi (IBS) - A Fish Development Corporation has been set up in Uttar Pradesh production of fish seed in inland fisheries project by the World Bank.

Mrs. Gandhi endorses convention

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dinner, children's activities, a disco dance, and other social events. In the discussion, two plenary sessions are planned. The first one on "Experience of Indians in North America" by distinguished veterans of Indian community such as Dr. Haridas Mazumdar of Little Rock, Arkansas, Gobind Bihari Lal of San Francisco and Prafulla Mukherjee of New York City. The second plenary session is on "Indo-U.S. relations from Indian and U.S. officials and politicians."

Participation by more than 50 experts are planned for 12 panel sessions. They are: Indian community and cultural assimilation, Youth forum, Women forum, India's rural development, Role of Asian Indians in local, county, state and national politics, Technology transfer to India, Indian music and fine arts in North America, Indian philosophy and religion, Investment in

India, investment in the U.S., Imports to the U.S., Legal problems including immigration.

In the Arts and Craft exhibit, famous Indian art work such as madhubani, pichwai miniature paintings and works by great masters such as K.S. Kulkarni (India), S.V. Rama Rao (Kentucky) and other well known artists will be presented.

The Convention plans to bring out a souvenir brochure. The souvenir committee invites articles from Indian children and youth in two categories, fifteen years and below and above fifteen years. The topic is "My experience as Asian Indian in North America," and should be 3-4 pages, typed double spaced. Few selected articles will be published in the souvenir brochure. The souvenir committee also invites art work depicting the various facets of Indian community in North America, to be used as the cover page of the souvenir brochure (May 11).

Ms. India-USA contest

India Festival Committee is proud to announce that the First Ever "Ms. India-USA" will be crowned at the 7th Annual India Festival to be held at Central Park, New York on Saturday June 14, 1980. (raindate: Saturday June 21, 1980).

The Grand Prize winner will receive a round trip ticket to India; the second and third place finishers will also receive trips to destinations not as yet settled. Every woman who enters the finals in New York will receive a prize.

Before the finals in New York on Saturday, June 14, 1980, there will be several semifinal regionals to be held in Houston, Los Angeles, Chicago, Boston, Washington D.C. and New York. Every winner and runnerup in each such contest will automatically qualify for the finals in June at New York. The help of various

regional Indian associations is being utilized by IFC for these regional contests.

"Ms. India-USA" is open to any woman of Indian origin, from the ages of 16 to 30, and whether married or unmarried. Contestants will be judged on grace, beauty, poise, and talent in (1) a "western" dress of their choice; (2) an "Indian" dress of their choice; and (3) a talent segment.

For further details, please call any of the numbers noted just below, or Jay Gadhvi, Publicity Coordinator at: (212) 683-3110.

PRAFULLA GHOSH DEAD

Calcutta, Apr. 17 (UNI) - Prafulla Ghosh, a legendary name in swimming, died at his Paikpara residence here April 5. He was 80.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Ila Ghosh, also a reputed swimmer in her time, and a son.

Hindus and census

It is known from reliable sources that there is no plan to include Hinduism as one of the religions on which information is to be collected in 1981 census of Canada, though Islam and even Buddhism are included. Also numerically very insignificant groups such as Church of the Nazarene, Mormon, etc. are to be listed separately.

Similarly on languages, statisticians intend to collect information on how many speak languages like Armenian, Iranian and Romanian but not on languages such as Hindi, Urdu, Punjabi, Tamil, Bengali, Malayalam etc.

If you want to register your protest write to the Minister responsible for Statistics Canada, Hon. Don Johnston, Ottawa.

Coming events

Indo-Canadian Women's Circle of Ottawa will be holding grand dance programme on May 10 at Ridgemont High School.

Programme director is Vasanthi Srinivasan. Proceeds will go to a women's project in India.

For further information call Nandini Bhatnagar: 825-2071, Asha Chandan: 745-9622, Asha Bhatnagar: 226-5084, Kanak Kana: 746-9079.

New Delhi pavillion

Spring is here and will be followed by summer, the most awaited season of school holidays, warm sunshine and of course the exciting Metro International Caravan (Toronto).

This year's CARAVAN will take place from June 20-28. The New Delhi pavillion, popular for its interesting programmes, is inviting talented participants from metro Toronto and vicinity as well as out of town. Interested individuals or groups may immediately contact Shyam Banik, 6 Gladstone Sq., Bramalea, Ontario, L6S 2N5. Phone 416-791-4318.

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Suitable match for a handsome 5'-11" well settled medical doctor in practise in U.S. M-1694. The Canadian India Times.

Correspondence invited from Parsi girls (preferably) in Canada/USA for boy, 27, working in American computer firm in Dubai. M-1695. The Canadian India Times.

Matrimonial correspondence invited from beautiful, educated girls of Indian origin, 25-30, single or divorced without children, in Canada, US or India for a very attractive, tall, divorced, childless Ph.D. engineering manager Panjabi youngman, 34, settled in North Eastern US, first wife American. Caste no bar. M-1696. The Canadian India Times.

Correspondence invited from male doctors preferably Khatri caste, residing in Canada or India for our daughter, 21, 5'-1", fair complexioned and a systems analyst, Canadian citizen. Parents well settled in Ontario. Please reply M-1697. The Canadian India Times.

Gursikh doctor, engineer or professor 30-35 for a beautiful Ramgarhia Sikh girl presently in India. Brothers and sisters well established engineers and doctors in India and abroad. Send details to P.O. Box 142, G.P.O. Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Matrimonial correspondence invited from attractive, intelligent and essentially classy woman of any nationality or religion for a sophisticated Punjabi bachelor, 36, 5'-7", who has everything - good looks, good education (graduate degrees from New York), good income. Full particulars, photo appreciated. Early marriage possible. No bars. Please write to: Apt. 2H, 39-20 Greenpoint Ave., Sunnyside, N.Y. 11104, USA.

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Alumni of IIT Bombay to Meet

A get together party is being planned by the former students of IIT Bombay to be held on Saturday, May 24th, during the First Convention of Asian Indians in North America in New York City. Efforts are being made to outreach all the alumni. A directory of the graduates are being compiled now. Those who are in contact with other graduates are requested to send their names, address and telephone number to: Dr. K.P. Ananthpadmanabhan, 435 W 119 St. Apt. 7B, New York, NY, 10027.

Those who are interested in joining the get together party may contact: Jamal Mecklai at (212) 662-7650 or Dr. K. P. Ananth at (212) 662-8765 or Rashid Karachiwala at (203) 324-6995.

The Lonely elephant

Salem, (UND) - Rajaganapathy (19) an elephant in the service of the Lord at the Sugavaneswara Temple here has of late become 'highly temperamental'.

The Citizens in a memorandum to the secretary of the local SPCA have said the elephant gets 'easily irritated' because of its cramped surroundings and virtual seclusion from the public. They have also complained about its tiny living quarters.

The temple authorities stopped the elephant's walks outside the temple premises for air last summer after they found that its keeper could not cope with its emotional disturbances. They restricted the movements of the elephant to the four parikramas of the temple on important festival days.

Doctors have found nothing wrong with the elephant. It was feeling a little 'lonely' and hence easily 'irritable' they say.

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